

78th Assembly District

Contact: 608-266-7521

For Immediate Release October 17, 2013

## Rep. Hulsey Offers Real Student Support, Property Tax Relief--

## Doubles Gov. Walker's Chickenfeed Proposal

Madison, WI—Representative Brett Hulsey (Madison) today offered an amendment to double Governor Walker's \$100 million "Chickenfeed" property tax cut and invest \$200 million for our public school students. The money comes from excess in the state budget. The Assembly passed it largely along partisan lines.

"Wisconsin is among the states with the highest property taxes in the nation according to the non-partisan <u>Tax Foundation</u>, so I want double that tax relief and restoring \$200 million that Governor Walker cut from our school children," Hulsey said.

The Student Support and Real Tax Relief Amendment would provide \$100 million in tax relief in the first year, up from Gov. Walker's \$40 million, and \$100 million in the second year, up from Gov. Walker's \$60 million. It also provides \$200 million in direct aid for school children over the next two years on the biennium. It is paid for by protect the statutory requirements in the balance and leaving money in the Stabilization Fund.

"As the parent of school children, we need politicians of all parties to put our money where our children's mouths are. Restoring some of the money Governor Walker cut from our school children will help expand their opportunities for a lifetime," said Hulsey. "We can solve this problem by restoring \$200 million to public school funding. I am sad the GOP didn't want to give real property tax relief and support our school children."

Representative Hulsey proposed the Get Wisconsin Working Again Budget Amendment in June to restore the \$792 million in cuts Governor Walker made to public schools, UW funding, technical colleges, student aid, and public servant health and retirement benefits.

####